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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

MANFRED ASSMUS ET AL : EXAMINER: SELLERS

SERIAL NO: New Application : GROUP ART UNIT: 1501

FILED: Herewith :

FOR: THERMOPLASTIC COATING AND:
BINDING AGENT FOR MEDICINAL
FORMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Preliminary to an action on the merits of this case,
please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17 to
20 to read as follows.

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1. (Amended) A method of coating and binding an oral or dermal medicinal composition, comprising applying a thermoplastic coating and binding agent in a hot-melt liquid state to said oral or dermal medicinal composition, followed by cooling to solidify the thermoplastic coating and binding agent, wherein said thermoplastic coating and binding agent [containing] ^{consists essentially of} comprises a non-homogeneous mixture of, based on 100% by weight of A and B: